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Jane M. Kenny Regional Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 290 Broadway New York, New York 10007-1866

RE: Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Superfund Site South Plainfield, New Jersey

I am writing to you in my capacity of Mayor of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey with respect to the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Superfund Site, which is located in South Plainfield. The Site is also known as the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Park, and it is situated adjacent to South Plainfield's Historic Downtown District. Given the Site's current blighted condition and its important location within South Plainfield community, the Borough has formally designated it, together with certain adjacent and surrounding properties, as a "Redevelopment Area" pursuant to New Jersey law. The "Redevelopment Plan for the Designated Redevelopment Area in the vicinity of Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Site was formerly adopted on July 15, 2002 by unanimous vote of the South Plainfield Borough Council

The Borough now intends to move forward aggressively with the redevelopment of the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Site, and wishes to coordinate closely EPA's remedy planning process with the broader redevelopment effort. I realize that such collaboration is strongly encouraged by EPA policy, and I am pleased to report that we have the ongoing cooperation in this effort of Cornell-Dubilier Electronics, Inc. and Dana Corporation, two of the PRP's at the Site. Indeed, it is our understanding that these two companies have been working closely with Peter Mannino, EPA's Remedial Project Manager, and Mutho Sundram, its enforcement counsel, in order to collaborate on the ongoing Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, so that the remedy which is ultimately selected will take into account and accommodate the planned

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redevelopment of the Site. This cooperative approach is consistent with the assurances which the Borough Council has received from Peter Mannino during meetings at which we discussed the ongoing EPA work and our desire to assure appropriate redevelopment of the Site

I believe it would be helpful for you to visit the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Park Site and discuss with us the Borough's desire to move the remedy planning and redevelopment process forward on an expedited schedule. This project is critical to the well being of our community, including the vitality of our Historic Business District. I look forward to hearing from you regarding scheduling such a meeting in South Plainfield at your earliest possible convenience.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Very truly yours,

Daniel J. Gallagher, Mayor

cc: Anthony Cancro

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